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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great gratitude and appreciation to have the support of Derby's Early Childhood Council for our students in the Derby Public Schools. I am a reading consultant for Bradley Elementary School and have been working closely with the council for several years.

The council has accomplished many initiatives in Derby over the past years. Each year they organize and host a Kindergarten Roundtable. At this event, kindergarten teachers get to work closely with preschool, nursery, and home care providers in a grand discussion/workshop of how to better prepare our students for kindergarten. This month, the DECC was part of the kindergarten registration for the incoming students. The families were provided with a take home packet. In the spring our incoming kindergarten students get a wonderful packet with activities as well as a book, all of which is donated by the council. They also offer a summer Kindergarten Camp to help the incoming students adjust to the routines of their first few weeks of school.

Every year, the DECC is very generous and supportive of the Read Across the Valley Event. The council donates books as well as provides the schools with guest readers to come into all the classrooms. They are currently in the process of handing out 800 free books to the children in Derby. Some parent workshops they provide are: in-home reading workshops, intervention programs with a social and emotion focus in the schools (PEIP), parent leadership training opportunities in both English and Spanish that ultimately will lead to the formation of a parent advisory board that will run in April/May.

The DECC has an awesome website and social media campaign that provides parents with local updates, events, resources and information with a Community Blog written by people who work with the children in Derby.

I am asking that you restore the funds to the community plans for the Early Childhood line item in the budget. These funds are vital to our Derby families. We need these funds in order to continue to have these wonderful community activities that the DECC has been providing for years.

Respectfully submitted,

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At Bradley School we leave our P.A.W.S. on everything we do. We Persevere, Act Responsibly, Work and Play Safely, and Show Respect. These are the characteristics that define who we are and will help us become positive role models in our school and community.